

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1-82. (cancelled)

83. (New) A composition comprising an ester of tetracosanol, an ester of docosanol and a food substance selected from the group consisting of table mararine, shortening, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, ice cream, milk and yogurt.

84. (New) The composition of claim 83 wherein the acid moiety of the ester is a carboxylic acid containing from 2 to 22 carbon atoms.

85. (New) A composition comprising an ester of tetracosanol, an ester of docosanol and a pharmaceutically acceptable component selected from the group consisting of an excipient, antioxidant, coloring agent, binder and stabilizer.

86. (New) The composition of claim 85 wherein the acid moiety of the ester is a carboxylic acid containing from 2 to 22 carbon atoms.

87. (New) A method for reducing serum cholesterol levels in humans, the method comprising orally administering to said humans an effective amount of a mixture, the mixture comprising an ester of tetracosanol and an ester of docosanol.

88. (New) The method of claim 87 wherein the acid moiety of the ester is a carboxylic acid containing from 2 to 22 carbon atoms.

89. (New) The method of claim 88 wherein the mixture of esters is administered in a food composition, the composition comprising the ester and a food substance selected from the group consisting of table margarine, shortening, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, ice cream, milk and yogurt.

90. (New) The method of claim 87 wherein the mixture of esters is administered in a pharmaceutical composition, the composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable

component selected from the group consisting of an excipient, antioxidant, coloring agent, binder and stabilizer.

91. (New) The method of claim 89 wherein the food composition is administered daily to the humans.

92. (New) The method of claim 91 wherein the food composition comprises the esters to the amount no greater than 10 mg per kg of body weight of the human.

93. (New) The method of claim 90 wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered daily to the humans.

94. (New) The method of claim 93 wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises the esters to the amount no greater than 10 mg per kg of body weight of the human.